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Annotated Bibliography

DeFelice, Cynthia (1994). *Lostman’s River.* Ney York: Macmillan Publishing Company.

ISBN 0-380-72396-4

A fiction chapter book about a boy and his family enjoys the beauty of nature in a swampland, but greed has brought it into depression. This family soon finds out that trusting a stranger leads to danger for the land and all that inhabit it. This book shows the importance of a habitat of animals and how easily it can be destroyed. It is a good way to show how humans destroy wildlife and endanger animals.

Readability: 6-7

Hiaasen, Carl (2002). *Hoot.* New York: Random House Inc.

ISBN 0-375-82181-3

An award-winning fiction chapter book about a boy that just moved into a small town in Florida and teams up with a new friend to save a colony of burrowing owls. These owls are endangered and their home is about to be destroyed because of a construction site. This is an appropriate book for students to read about kids their own age doing everything they can to save endangered animals. It helps to show that no matter how young you are, you can still make a difference.

Readability: 5-6

Hobbs, Will (2003). *Jackie’s Wild Seattle.* New York: HarperCollins Publishers.

ISBN 0-688-17474-4

A fiction chapter book about a 14 year old girl and her little brother who visit their uncle that lives on a mountain. After watching him take care of a wounded bird, the kids take it upon themselves to rescue as many animals as they can. This book tells about the passion these kids have for helping animals. The book can be useful in inspiring students to get involved and make a difference.

Readability: 4-5

Quammen, David (1996). *Song of the Dodo: Island Biogeography in an Age of Extinction.* New York: Scribner.

ISBN 0-684-80083-7

Song of the Dodo is a nonfiction biogeography about a scientist’s journeys and studies of extinct animals. This book tells the story of several extinct animals especially the dodo. This book can be used in discussion of what factors go in to the extinction of a species. It can help students see firsthand a true story of what could happen to any endangered animal.

Readability: 7-9

Hoose, Philip (2004). *The Race to Save the Lord God Bird.* China: South China Printing Co.

ISBN 0-374-36173-8

This is a nonfiction book that tells the story of the ivory woodpecker’s disappearance in the United States. Students can read all about the description of the interaction of this species and humans, and how it led to their endangerment. The book will also start a discussion what we can to about preserving endangered species and their habitats.

Readability: 6-8

Maynard, Thane (1992). *Saving Endangered Mammals: A Field Guide to Some the Earth’s Rarest Animals.* US: The Zoological Society of Cincinnati Inc.

ISBN 0-531-15253-7

Saving Endangered Mammals is one in a series of Cincinnati Zoo books. This book is filled pictures and some of the basic facts about several endangered mammals. The book gives information on the threats these animals face and the efforts to save them from extinction. This book can give students a simple background to endangered animals and information on the hard work people put into keeping them alive.

Readability: 3-5

Maynard, Thane (1992). *Endangered Animal Babies.* US: The Zoological Society of Cincinnati Inc.

ISBN 0-532-16253-4

Much like the other books in this series, this book provides pictures and fact about endangered animal babies. This book can make the students realize how much these animals need them to help because they are so vulnerable.

Readability: 3-5

Liittschwager, David & Middleton, Susan (1994). *Witness: Endangered Species of North America.* California: Chronicle Books.

ISBN 0-8118-0258-2

Witness is a nonfiction book that is filled with pictures and profiles of the endangered animals of North America. This is a great book for the kids to really see how many animals are in danger. This is the kind of book students can relate to because these are all animals that are in their own continent.

Readability: 7-8

George, Jean (1992). *The Missing 'Gator of Gumbo Limbo.* New York: HarperCollins Publishers.

ISBN 0-06-020396

This is a fiction book about a homeless girl living in a Florida forest in search of a missing alligator. While she is on this search see discovers the delicate balance of animals, humans, and the ecosystem. This a good book for the kids to learn a lot about the ecosystem through a fun read.

Readability: 4-6

Arnold, Caroline (1993). *On the brink of extinction: the California condor.* California: Gulliver Books.

ISBN 0-15-257990-7

A nonfiction book about all the effort it takes to capture and breed the last of these birds to save them from extinction. It also includes pictures and a history of the California condor. This is a good book to show the students how much work goes into trying to save endangered animals.

Readability: 6-7